

NOTE: WHA 2-260 was amended on August 25, 2010, therefore this order no longer applies to WHA 2-260. (Feb 21, 2012)

ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas # 2-172 to 2-175, 2-177 to 2-193, 2-204, 2-254 to 2-270

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 582/04).

The Deputy Minister of Environment orders that:

1. the wildlife habitat areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (2-172 to 2-175, 2-177 to 2-193, 2-204, 2-254 to 2-270) and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc* are established;
2. the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc* are established for Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*);
3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc*;
4. where there is any discrepancy between the Wildlife Habitat Area boundaries as shown in the attached Schedule A and the GIS file *twha_bc*, the boundaries as detailed in the GIS file will take precedent. The centre point of the line on the map denoting the wildlife habitat area establishes the boundary;
5. for the purposes of section 2(3)(a) of the *Government Actions Regulation*, these General Wildlife Measures apply to minor tenures; and
6. pursuant to section 7(3) of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation* the person(s) required to prepare a forest stewardship plan are hereby exempted from the obligation to prepare results or strategies in relation to the objective set out in section 7(1) of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation* to the extent that wildlife habitat areas 2-172 to 2-175, 2-177 to 2-193, 2-204 and 2-254 to 2-270 address the amount included for Grizzly Bear in the Notice for the Squamish Forest District.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

Access

- Do not construct roads, trails or landings unless there is no other practicable option and an exemption is approved by the Minister of Environment or delegate. An exemption would not be required for road maintenance and deactivation on existing roads within the WHA; nor to allow tailholds in the WHA associated with landings adjacent to the WHA boundary. Where roads in the WHA are permanently deactivated, proponents must notify the Ministry of Environment Regional Manager.

Harvesting

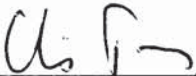
- No timber harvesting should be carried out within the WHA unless an exemption is approved by the Minister of Environment or delegate. Exemptions would only normally be considered to restore or enhance degraded habitat and to ensure windfirmness. An exemption would not be required to meet worker safety concerns (e.g. danger tree felling in the WHA) for harvesting/silviculture in cutblocks adjacent to the WHA.

Silviculture and Pesticides

- Do not use pesticides unless there is no other practicable option and an exemption is approved by the Minister of Environment or delegate. When reforesting areas within the WHA use reduced stocking standards as outlined in the document titled, Grizzly Bear Habitat in Managed Forests: Silviculture Treatments to Meet Habitat and Timber Objectives.

Range

- Plan livestock grazing to maintain forage value for Grizzly Bears and minimize the potential for conflicts.
- Do not place livestock attractants within WHA.
- Incorporate management strategies in the range use plan to reduce contact and competition between livestock and Grizzly Bears. Consider salt placement, alternate water development, drift fencing, or altering periods of livestock use.
- Existing range tenures (RAN072850, RAN072851, RAN072852) overlapping WHA 2-190 are exempted from these general wildlife measures.


Signed this 23rd day of May, 2006
Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment

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The following information is intended to provide background information and support to the legal order establishing WHAs 2-172 to 2-175, 2-177 to 2-193, 2-204, 2-254 to 2-270. The appendix is not part of the legal order.

Appendix 1

1. Authority to consider an exemption from these general wildlife measures is provided in Section 92(1) of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation*. In instances where it is not practicable to comply with these measures, a person proposing to conduct forestry activities should consider seeking an exemption from the requirements to comply with the applicable General Wildlife Measures.

An exemption application should be submitted to the Minister's delegate (Regional Manager – Ministry of Environment, for the Region that the Wildlife Habitat Area is located) with a rationale describing the nature of the problem and options to integrate habitat conservation with proposed forest practices. This submission will assist in timely consideration of the matter, and will inform the conditions, if any, of the exemption that may be granted prior to commencement of activities. Upon receipt of a complete exemption application, a determination will normally be made within 30 days of arrival. Incomplete packages will be returned to the proponent for resubmission.